IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Application Of: Group Art Unit: 3728 ichael A. Aveni, et al. Examiner: TBA Serial No. 09/991,265 Docket No. 005127.00078 Filed: November 15, 2001 For: FOOTWEAR SOLE WITH A STIFFNESS ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit a PTO-1449 form identifying material for consideration by the Examiner, together with copies of the references listed on the PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the listed art be considered and made of record.

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R.§ 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessary to consider this Information Disclosure Statement or the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and herein to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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